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DOCKET NO. 2206-N-66-L

RE: APPLICATION OF ASSISTED TRANSPORTATION CORP. TO
OPERATE TWENTY (20) MOTOR VEHICLES IN GENERAL LIVERY
SERVICE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN
PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STRATFORD

DECISION

AUGUST 11, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. APPLICATION

By application filed on June 22, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Assisted Transportation Corp. (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 13 Lincoln Avenue, Milford, Connecticut 06460 seeks authorization to operate twenty (20) motor vehicles, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stratford.

B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on August 9, 2022.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

C. APPEARANCES

Matthew Hebel appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant was represented by attorney Daniel Kryzansky with a mailing address of 30 Ferry Blvd Unit #2, Stratford CT, Connecticut 06615.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate twenty (20) motor vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Stratford.
2. The applicant proposes to operate five 2020 Ford Transit vans, twelve 2019 Dodge Caravans, two 2017 Dodge Caravans and one 2019 Toyota Minivan.
3. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$121,460, maintenance costs of \$64,000, vehicle leasing costs of \$165,773, property tax of \$8,322, advertising costs of \$7,200 and communication costs of \$16,020.

4. The applicant has \$1,344,646 in two business bank accounts.
5. The applicant is applying for livery service to enter into a contract with the Veterans Administration to transport veterans to and from the VA and their homes.
6. The applicant has been providing non-emergency medical transportation in New York.
7. The applicant will be operating out of his residence. There are no zoning issues operating a home office in this residence. At some later date the applicant will look for office space.
8. The VA estimates 26,600 one-way trips per year.
9. The applicant also seeks to perform private pay transportation as well.
10. The applicant has office staff to help with the business.
11. The applicant will be hiring drivers for the livery vehicles.
12. This application was not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for member Mathew Hebel, which disclosed no criminal record. The applicant has been operating a transportation service in New York for some time. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$121,460, maintenance costs of \$64,000, vehicle leasing costs of \$165,773, property tax of \$8,322, advertising costs of \$7,200 and communication costs of \$16,020 for a total expense of \$382,775. The applicant has \$1,344,646 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicants will provide private pay livery transportation and if accepted work for the VA under contract to transport veterans. If the applicant does not secure the contract with the Veterans Administration, the applicant will voluntarily ask for its permit to be reduced to the number of vehicles it needs for private pay work. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery service.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Assisted Transportation Corp. is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3753 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3753

Assisted Transportation Corp. is authorized to operate twenty (20) motor vehicles in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Stratford.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the twenty (20) general livery vehicles granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery authority.

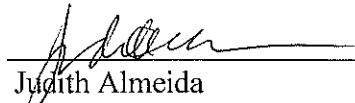
The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 11th day of August 2022.

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